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24 Jun 1960

Brig. General Robert E. Cushman
Assistant to the Vice President
Room 361, Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I attach a report from my people covering,
as best we can, the question you raised in your
letter of 22 June.

I am also returning the note to the Vice
President from David Aldrich together with its
enclosure.

If we can be of any further assistance,
please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

J. S. Earman
Executive Officer

Attachments

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**SUBJECT: Purported Khrushchev Admission of Espionage
(11 May 1959)**

1. The internal evidence in this purported quote from Khrushchev clearly indicates that this kind of statement would never be made publicly by Khrushchev, or indeed by any modern-day Soviet leader. First, the phraseology throughout this quote is of the kind that the Soviet leadership in its public pronouncements rarely, if ever, uses. (For example: "leave them to flounder helplessly, " "our appropriation of power, " "Soviet domination recognizes neither liberty nor justice, " "annihilation of the individual will, " "great cruelty can signify supreme merit, " and "reduce humanity to a state of docile subjection.") Secondly, substantive admissions of the kind made in this statement would represent an appalling and irretrievable breach in the monolithic communist propaganda line.

2. Concerning external evidence as to the authenticity of this "quotation, " we have examined our file of Khrushchev speeches publicly released by the USSR and find that while Khrushchev made a major speech in Kiev entitled "For New Successes in the Development of Soviet Agriculture" on 11 May 1959, it contains no such statement.

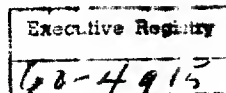
3. We have examined the FBIS Daily Report and the New York Times index for an 11 May Reuters dispatch which might have contained such a reference, but we find in these two sources no record of such a dispatch. Speeches for several days on either side of 11 May were also checked with negative results.

4. From the wording of Mr. Aldrich's 18 May hectograph memorandum, it is unclear as to whether Claude Meyer in Lausanne, Switzerland, is a Reuters correspondent or whether some Reuters correspondent may have been quoting from a book published by Claude Meyer in Lausanne with the title indicated. In our judgment it is tantamount to impossible that any Soviet propagandist would entitle any speech "The Explanation and Diffusion of Fundamental Errors of Marxist Doctrine. "

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1960

Mr. Jack Earman
Executive Director
2430 E St., N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Jack:

Some time ago I asked Mr. by phone if he could determine the authenticity of the attached; however, none of his people were able to. I am wondering if it might be possible to run it down one way or the other by sending the whole thing along for such additional clues as it might provide - which I probably missed in doing it by phone.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob".

R. E. Cushman, Jr.
Executive Assistant
to the Vice President